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### GAO PROPOSES ABANDONING REVIEW OF CLASSIFIED PAPERS

The General Accounting Office has recommended that the government abandon its practice of systematically reviewing all old classified documents and declassifying those that can safely be made public. This review involves 617 million pages and costs \$11 million a year.

The proposal drew criticism from the National Archives and from Steven Garfinkel, Director of the Information Security Oversight Office. He called the proposal "drastic," "insupportable," "one-dimensional" and "illogical."

GAO proposed that systematic review be replaced with review of only those papers requested or likely to be requested by the public. It estimates 90% of the papers are of no interest to the public and called systematic review "inefficient and costly."

NARS maintains, in an unusually forthright memo from James E. O'Neill, that historians cannot ask for documents if they do not know they exist. "When told that the files are closed because they are classified and that he must specifically identify the documents he wants released, the researcher becomes frustrated and angry at a government that preaches openness but does nothing positive to make that happen."

Garfinkel wrote: "Systematic review establishes the principle that an open society cannot tolerate the permanent or indefinite closure of historically valuable records. Moreover, by establishing a finite period of restriction, systematic review helps to offset the perception held by many of a security classification system abused by government officials intent on hiding their mistakes behind the cloak of secrecy."

from the Associated Press

### SAA BASIC CONSERVATION WORKSHOP MAY 7-8 IN PITTSBURGH

The Society of American Archivists' Basic Archival Conservation Program, funded under a two-year grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities, will operate a two-day basic archival conservation workshop in conjunction with MARAC's spring meeting in Pittsburgh. Designed for persons with direct curatorial responsibility for manuscript or archival collections and no previous conservation training, the workshops will focus on conservation administration, basic conservation techniques, and preventative maintenance. Further details will be available in the next maa and in the spring registration materials.

### SEE PITTSBURGH IN THE SPRING

by Leila W. Jamison

The Spring MARAC Conference will be held May 8-9 on the main campus of the University of Pittsburgh, world famous for its Cathedral of Learning and the Nationality Rooms. The Conference should have wide appeal with its comprehensive program and the reasonable cost of staying on campus. All sessions and social events will be within easy walking distance.

The program is designed to teach both basic skills and advanced techniques. Friday sessions will cover such topics as: starting an archive; archivists' language; priorities and guidelines for appraisal and reappraisal; word processing; archives of the future; research in archival theory and practice; records sampling; records management in Allegheny County; expanding existing programs; archives of sports; developing educational programs involving cultural and educational institutions; grant writing; and film festival.

Saturday sessions will include: exhibits as historiography, finding aids for non-textual records; film; cooperative approaches among community repositories; helping genealogists; records survey; and religious archives.

Archivist of the U.S. Dr. Robert Warner has been invited to be the luncheon speaker and will attend if his schedule permits.

The Program Chairman for the 1981 Spring Conference is Roland Baumann of the Pennsylvania Historical and Muséum Commission and the Local Arrangements Committee Chairman is Frank A. Zabrosky, Director, Archives Service Center of the University of Pittsburgh.

Enjoy the diverse cultural heritage of Pittsburgh with its variety of ethnic restaurants, the restored Victorian Station Square, the spectacular view from Mt. Washington at night, the City of Champions sporting events. Come to the Pittsburgh Conference for an enlightening experience.

### THE NEW LOOK

With this issue  $\underline{\text{maa}}$  adopts a new look and a new hue. The new graphics are courtesy of Vicki Walch. We look forward to your reactions.

The mid-atlantic archivist (maa) is the quarterly newsletter of the Mid-Atlantic Regional Archives Conference (MARAC). MARAC membership includes all interested individuals who live and work in the seven states of New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Delaware, Virginia, and West Virginia: and the District of Columbia. MARAC seeks to promote the professional welfare of its members: to affect cooperation amongst individuals concerned with the documentation of the human experience; to enhance the exchange of information between colleagues working in the immediate regional area; to improve the professional competence of archivists, curators, of textual, audiovisual, and related special research collections, and records managers; and to encourage professional involvement of persons actively engaged in the preservation and use of all types of historical research materials. Individual yearly membership dues are \$5.00. The dues year is from October 1 through September 30. Membership is not open to institutions, but institutions may purchase yearly subscriptions to maa for \$5.00. Requests for back copies of maa (\$1.25 each copy) and membership applications should be addressed to: Martha Slotten, MARAC Secretary, Dickinson College Library, Carlisle, Pennsylvania 17013.

Items submitted for maa publication should be singlespaced, no paragraph indentation, in columns 4 and 1/2 inches wide, and double-spaced between paragraphs. Material should be typed preferably on an electric typewriter using a letter gothic font. Where this is impractical, improvise using pica font and a new ribbon. Send material to: Dr. Donald F. Harrison, Editor, the mid-atlantic archivist, National Archives (NNP) Washington, DC 20408. Phone: 202-724-1080

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28 October 1980

Cash on hand, Fidelity Bank (9/15/80) \$3227.49 \$3445.44 Savings Account Balance

INCOME

Memberships: 140 @ \$5 700.00 9.00 Mucci Book: 3 @ \$3 18.00 Tee-shirts Washington/Crystal City Meeting 1455.48 (Cash advance plus profit) 2.00 Miscellaneous income

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Newsletter

printing 145.80 21.87 mailing Nominating Committee 26.05 Office expenses 5.00 Program Comm. (Lanc)154.00 Bank Service charge 6.82 Hospitality at SAA 43.11 \$402.65

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Balances, 28 October 1980

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Respectfully submitted,

Peter J. Parker

Treasurer

ARLINE CUSTER AWARD

Committee Guidelines adopted January 18, 1978

The award will be presented for an article or monograph on an archival subject, but finding aids (inventories, catalogues, and the like) will be excluded from consideration.

The award will be for the best publishable paper.

Preference will be given to an article which is an outgrowth of a presentation at a MARAC session.

The award will be limited to MARAC members.

The winner will be encouraged to submit the paper to a professional journal for consideration or to the MARAC Editorial Board for possible publication as an "occasional" paper.

All papers will be reviewed and judged by the Custer Committee. Only when a submission falls outside of the technical expertise of committee members will the committee solicit the judgment of outside readers.

If submissions for a particular year are not of the highest quality, the committee will have the option of granting no award.

ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Budget Year 1980

(1 October 1979 to 30 September 1980)

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Memberships: 512 @ \$5	2560.00
Mucci Manual: 125 @ \$3	375.00
Tee-shirts	66.00
Savings Account Interest	60.10
Meetings:	
Norfolk, VA	402.72
Albany, NY	438.99
Washington/Crystal City	1255.48*
	\$5158.29

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BURSEMENTS:	
Steering Committee Travel	578.23
Nominating Committee	203.89
Newsletter	
printing	440.27
misc.	33.35
Postage	248.75
Mailing labels	121.51
Bank Service Charge	5.60
State Representatives	73.11**
Miscellaneous operations	203.48
	(\$1908.19)

Income minus disbursements: \$3250.10 Membership income minus disbursements: \$551.81 Cash balances as of 30 September 1980: Checking account: \$5148.97

Savings Account: \$3445.84

Notes:

Excludes cash advance of \$200.

\*\* Actual amount spent, reflected here, is far less than the \$1.00 per member allowed by steering committee.

Respectfully submitted,

Peter J. Parker,

Treasurer



### NHPRC DIRECTORY FINAL CALL

NHPRC requests all institutions to submit repository information for the second edition of its Directory of Archives and Manuscript Repositories in the United States by April 1, 1981. If your institution holds documents, photographs, architectural drawings, oral history interviews, and similar materials, please return the NHPRC repository information form by the deadline. For further information contact:

> Historical Records Inventory NHPRC NARS Washington, DC 20408 Phone: 202-724-1080

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### NHPRC GRANTS

At its October 1980 meeting the Commission recommended \$758,733 for 28 historical records grants in 17 states and the District of Columbia. The following were made in the MARAC area:

### New York:

DeWitt Historical Society, Tompkins County, Ithaca: \$4,215 to continue preservation of selected nitrate negatives from the Verne Morton photograph collection which documents life in rural upstate New York from the 1890s to the 1940s.

Staten Island Institute of Arts and Sciences, New York: \$22,800 offer for the continued development of the 92nd Street YM-YWHA. Documenting the Y's social, cultural, and philanthropic activities, the collection also reflects the Y's role as an early home for several major figures in American dance.

### New Jersey:

William Paterson College, Wayne: \$1,500 to arrange, describe, and microfilm the papers of William Paterson, New Jersey's first Attorney General and a member of the U.S. Supreme Court.

Baltimore City Archives, Baltimore, \$22,000 conditional grant offer to survey, appraise, and continue the arrangement and description of the historical records of the city.

### District of Columbia:

Corcoran Gallery of Art, \$20,740 for the second year of an institutional archives development project. The Gallery's collections chronicle its 111 year history and include material on American artists, American cultural history, and local Washington history.

National Business League, un to \$3,000 for consultation in the development of an archives for the league. As the oldest national minority multi-trade business and professional organization, the National (Negro) Business League served in an advocacy role to protect the interests of the minority business community.

History of Science, Inc., for Joint Committee on the Archives of Science and Technology, \$29,060 to continue the Committee's work on problems in the documentation of science and technology identified in the first phase of the Committee's work which was completed recently.

### Virginia:

Newport News Public Library System, Newport News, \$8,300 to assist in processing the records of the Cld Dominion Land Company. Owned by railroad magnate and financier Collis P. Huntington, the Old Dominion Land Company was his instrument for purchasing land for the Atlantic terminus of a continental railway system and for developing the city of Newport News and surrounding country.

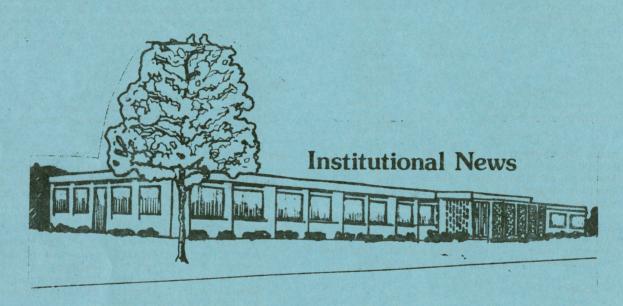
EARLY AMERICAN INDUSTRIES ASSOCIATION GRANTS-IN-AID

The Early American Industries Association will offer three grants-in-aid of \$1000 for research or publication projects relating to early American industries in homes, shops, farms, or on the sea. Applications will be accepted through March 15, 1981. Contact:

> Grants-In-Aid Committee Charles F. Hummel, Chair Winterthur Museum Winterthur, Del. 19735

NEH has awarded a grant to the Library of Congress and the Joint Committee on Specialized Cataloging of the Council of National Library and Information Associations to develop cataloging manuals for graphics, manuscripts, and motion picture/video recordings. For further information contact:

> Elisabeth W. Betz Picture Cataloging Specialist Prints and Photographs Division Library of Congress Washington, DC 20540



# People

ELLEN HASSIG RESSMEYER is living in Buzzards Bay, Massachusetts and wants to be remembered to all her old friends.

DOUG TANNER continues to recover, is driving his car again, and hopes to see everyone in Pittsburgh.

Mary Elizabeth Ruwell is leaving the National Archives to return to the University of Pennsylvania. She will be archivist at the University Museum beginning February 1, 1981. Her address is:

> University Museum - Archives University of Pennsylvania 33rd and Spruce Streets Philadelphia, PA 19104

HEATHER A. CLEWELL recently joined the staff of the Winterthur Archives

MARC SHERMAN, formerly with the Smithsonian Institution Archives and a <u>maa</u> staff editor, reports that he has completed Hebrew and Jewish studies in Arad, Israel, and is beginning a guide to research in progress at the University of Haifa. He intends to enroll in the Syracuse University graduate program in information studies next fall.

JAMES L. GEAR, Director of NARS' Preservation Services Division and a NARS employee for 30 years, retired at the end of 1980. Jim began his career in NARS as a chemist.

Tel #: (215) 243 - 4000

## **Places**

HISTORY OF A FRIENDSHIP: THE CORCORAN AND THE WHITE HOUSE

The Corcoran Gallery of Art, Washington, DC, is presenting an exhibit of letters, documents, prints, photographs, cartoons, etc. highlighting the Presidents friendship with the Corcoran. The exhibit runs through April 3, 1981.

### WEATHERVANE SHOP

The Suffolk County Historical Society's Weathervane Shop publishes a book list including such topics as archaeology and social history, architecture, arts, crafts and trades, cemeterying, cooking, genealogy and biography, local and regional histories, Long Island Indians, and whaling. For further information contact:

Weathervane Shop Suffolk County Historical Society 300 W. Main Street Riverhead, NY 11901

### MAILING TUBES

Mailing tubes with or without plastic plug ends and other mailing and shipping services are available from:

Middlesex Paper Tube Co., Inc. 343A Chelmsford Street Lowell, Massachusetts 01851

### **VOLCANIC ERUPTIONS AND ARCHIVES**

Easy Access, the Northwest Archivists' newsletter, reports that Mt. St. Helens volcanic ash itself presents no problem - brush or vaccuum it off. Mud damage has been washed off successfully - though it can set up to concrete-like hardness. Lava damage, on the other hand, leaves little room for salvage.

### AASLH CATALOG

The American Association for State and Local History has produced a 20 page catalog of books and technical information suited for archives, special libraries, museums and historical societies. The catalog is available from:

AASLH 1400 Eighth Avenue South Nashville, Tennessee 37203

# GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY MUSFUM SEMINARS

George Washington University is offering a series of seminars for the museum community through May 1981. Contact:

> Center for Professional Development George Washington University 2019 Cunningham Drive Hampton, Virginia 23666

## **Publications**

A Guide to Brooklyn Manuscripts in The Long Island Historical Society. Compiled by Robert Sink. Brooklyn: Brooklyn Educational & Cultural Alliance, 1980. 134 pp. Appendix, index.

Brooklyn Rediscovery, a program of the Brooklyn Educational and Cultural Alliance, is pleased to announce the publication of A Guide to Brooklyn Manuscripts in The Long Island Historical Society. The Guide is one of several Brooklyn Rediscovery projects, exploring the rich heritage and vitality of Brooklyn, which receive major support from the National Endowment for the Humanities. The publication of the Guide makes readily accessible nearly 600 manuscript collections at the Long Island Historical Society, the primary repository of historical material on Brooklyn. The scope and content of each collection is given as is information on the people and institutions that figure prominently. Also included is a thorough subject index and an appendix of visual resources. The Guide will be a basic reference work for researchers seeking primary source material about a major aspect of the American urban experience. Copies of the Guide and general program information may be obtained from Brooklyn Rediscovery, 57 Willoughby Street, Brooklyn, N.Y. 11201. The cost is \$5.00 plus \$.60 handling.

Philadelphia Yearly Meeting, Philadelphia Ouakers (A Tercentenary Book), 1981. \$7.00 hardback, \$4.95 paperback.

The Philadelphia Yearly Meeting is producing a picture history with over 200 illustrations. It will cover the years 1681-1981, and will illustrate some of the personalities, concerns, and actions of the Meeting over three centuries. Order From:

Tercentenary Book Office of the Yearly Meeting Friend's Center 1515 Cherry Street Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19102

Roland M. Baumann, Harold Myers, and Diane Smith Wallace, Guide to the Microfilm Collections in the Pennsylvania State Archives, Harrisburg, 1980, \$5.00.

This 117 page guide lists the contents of 3,000 microfilm rolls of record groups, manuscript groups, and special collections in the Pennsylvania State Archives.

MARAC membership meeting, Lancaster, October 31, 1980

Chairwoman Mary Elizabeth Ruwell convened the meeting following lunch. Minutes of the last meeting as published in the July, 1980 newsletter were approved as was the Treasurer's report posted at the conference and appended here. One-time windfall items such as the unusually large registration at the Washington conference explain the large balance. Treasurer Peter Parker also reminded State Representatives that \$1. of their state's members dues are available to them for regional activities.

Mary Elizabeth announced that Bob Plowman had been elected as the new Pennsylvania state representative as a result of a run-off election. She also reported that 253 people were attending the Lancaster meeting and that of these half were first time attenders.

Joanne Mattern offered the following resolution which was passed. "MARAC agrees to incorporate in the state of Delaware and authorizes related expenses to this end." Details of the proposed incorporation appeared in the last newsletter when comments were invited. The Steering Committee approved this action and recommended it to the membership.

Future sites for meetings were discussed and approved as follows (after Pittsburgh, Spring, '81):

Fall, 1981, New York City (back-up Rochester, NY)
Spring, '82, Ocean City, MD
Fall, '82, Philadelphia
Spring, '83, West Virginia (or Rochester)
Fall, '83, Trenton

Richard Cox, chair of the Publications Committee, will probably make their report to the spring meeting. Cynthia Requardt reported for the Education Committee reviewing the Steering Committee's discussion of it and urged volunteers for workshops or other educational projects to contact her after the meeting.

Mary Elizabeth read the amendment for the constitution published in the July, 1980 newsletter which provides that the chairperson will be chosen at large by the membership along with the election of the State Representatives for a two year term. Since it was moved at that meeting that the secretary and treasurer would be elected for one year terms at the next election, this will insure the new order with the continuity of leadership desired.

The softball game between MARAC and the Southwest Archivists, which was a major event at the S.A.A. Cincinnati meeting, found MARAC the loser, 19-15, undoubtedly because we loaned them three of our players.

The new nominating committee is composed of Pat Vanorny and Cynthia Requardt from the Steering Committee along with Wilda Logan, Laura Grotzinger, and Don Harrison.

Susan Davis will be chairwoman of the Program Committee for the New York meeting. The meeting adjourned after Fred Armstrong proposed and the membership adopted the following resolution:

Whereas, Robert Coley and the Local Arrangements Committee located a beautiful historic setting and called down the true Halloween spirit with its fantastic fall weather for this meeting, and

Whereas, Diane Rosenwasser and the Program Committee planned a varied and successful program adhering to MARAC's objectives of providing workshops and sessions keyed to appeal to the broad professional spectrum of the membership, from the beginner to the advanced;

Now therefore be it resolved that we commend the hardworking members of these committees and thank them for their admirable work; and

Be it further resolved that this resolution be published in the mid-atlantic archivist.

Martha C. Slotten Secretary, MARAC

# UNIVERSITY OF DENVER SUMMER INSTITUTE: ADVANCED ARCHIVAL STUDIES

The Department of History and the Graduate School of Librarianship and Information Management of the University of Denver are cosponsoring the twentieth summer Institute for Advanced Archival Studies. For further details contact:

> Professor Dolores C. Renze Institute for Archival Studies Department of History University of Denver Denver, Colorado 80208

### NHPRC PHOTOGRAPH GUIDELINES

NHPRC has issued new 15 page guidelines for historical photograph applications. The guidelines describe funding eligibility, recommended techniques, and the information to be included in an application. For a copy of the guidelines contact:

NHPRC NARS Washington, DC 29408 MARAC Steering Committee - Lancaster, Oct. 30, 1980

Present: Mary Elizabeth Ruwell (Chair.), Peter Parker, Jean Preston, Bob Nawrocki, Julia Morgan, Paul Hensley, Pat Vanorny, Don Harrison, Bruce Ambacher, Paul Perkus, Ed Oetting, Joanne Mattern, Linda Henry, Fred Armstrong, Bob Plowman, and Martha Slotten.

The Treasurer's report was submitted by Peter Parker, was approved, and is appended.

It was moved and seconded that MARAC undertake incorporation in Delaware. The motion passed with a subcommittee made up of Mary Elizabeth Ruwell, Peter Parker, and Joanne Mattern appointed to draw up a resolution to this effect for the membership.

In regard to future meetings, Bob Sink (Chair.), Paul Perkus, Ed Oetting, and Father O'Donnell are to complete investigations for a Fall 1981 meeting in New York City with Rochester as a back-up choice. The Committee will recommend the following future sites for meetings: Spring, 1982 in Ocean City, MD; Fall, 1982 in Philadelphia; Spring, 1983 in West Virginia or Rochester; and Fall, 1983 in Trenton, NJ. Mattern, Morgan, and Vanorny are to investigate Ocean City sites; Parker and Plowman, Philadelphia; Armstrong, West Virginia; and Nawrocki and Preston will initiate plans for the New Jersey meeting.

Pat Vanorny reported for Cynthia Requardt and the Committee on Education Priorities raising the possibility of educational projects, particularly workshops sponsored by MARAC. Since the local arrangements committee for each conference has the option of including workshops on the program, there seemed to be no general agreement about whether to proceed with such a program. The sense of the meeting seemed to be that in order to establish the need for educational projects, those who are interested should

contact Cynthia Requardt and she will report to the Steering Committee in January.

Solicitation of possible new members, an important option open to us, can be facilitated by state representatives using the NHPRC mailing print-out to obtain new names. The secretary will send a current label set or print-out to state reps indicating which persons on it are now members. Martha Slotten, Bob Plowman, and Fred Armstrong will comprise a committee to revise the membership brochure before the next mailing.

There was no report from the Publications Committee.

The Steering Committee will ask that resolutions be submitted to that body, prior to business meetings, although this of course can't be mandatory.

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The President has the mandate to investigate the possibility of T-shirts and other MARAC souvenirs.

At a brief 8:00 A.M. Steering Committee meeting on Oct. 31, 1981, approval was voted for reimbursement of the expenses of two speakers at the current meeting: Tom Hickerson and Richard Kessner. It was stressed that future program committees make every effort to use resource persons in their regions and within the membership. Cynthia Requardt, chair of the Educational Priorities committee, was authorized to call for volunteers for projects under her committee's purview.

### THE LANCASTER MEETING

The autumnal colors of the Pennsylvania German countryside and a revitalized downtown Lancaster formed the backdrop for the Fall 1980 meeting of approximately 250 MARAC registrants, one third of whom were attending a meeting for the first time. The Program Committee chaired by Diane Rosenwasser provided a broad range of topics in the 23 sessions. Several sessions were designed to lead into other sessions and gave depth to some of the topics. The keynote speaker, Tom Hickerson of the Cornell University archives, set the tone for the meeting in a well received address entitled "A National System for Archival Information: Problems and Prospects."

A slide presentation by John L. Kraft, Historical Site Administrator, Ephrata Cloister, on the eighteenth-century communal society in Lancaster County highlighted the Friday luncheon.

The local arrangements committee chaired by Robert E. Coley supplied information on a number of historical and other sites in the county. Those who came early or were able to remain after the meeting sampled some of the historical and other delights of the city and county such as a walking tour of downtown Lancaster, a tour of Lancaster graveyards on Halloween night, or a pops concert by the Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra in residence at Millersville State College. Others shopped in several specialty malls and farmers markets.

Lancaster in the autumn proved to be a most stimulating place for those who had never been there before and for those who had returned after an absence of years.

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"MARAC MIRACLES" TAKE ON SOUTHWEST ARCHIVISTS

by Co-Captains Jim Hastings and Robin Roberts

The SAA annual meeting in Cincinnati was the scene of the second annual MARAC-takes-on-all-comers softball game. Some would say that MARAC lost, because the score was Southwest Archivists-19, MARAC-15, but those who were there know that SSA could not play, let alone "win" without the timely and talented aid of three MARAC dues delinquents - Michael "No Hit" Sullivan, Ed "Watch them go over your head" Papenfuse, and Fynette "Never Defeated" Eaton.

Highlights of the game included a rain drenched field, a sterling, heroic performance by the MARAC Miracles, and heart-warming support from cheerleaders Joan Howard and Adele Lerner. The Miracles fell behind by nine runs in the first inning but clever defensive changes by coaches Jim Hastings and Robin Roberts closed the gaps. MARAC's pressure on the SSA became relentless when the Miracles found

their bats. Some of the most memorable performances were Mary Elizabeth Ruwell's quick hands at second base, Ron Plavchan's slide into third base, Dave Van Tassel's slides in left field, Karen Stuart 's scoops at first base, and Mike McReynold's booming home runs. Also outstanding were Bob Coren (and family) in center field, and Bob "Sank in the Mud" Sink at roving center. Lisa Hottin and Susan Davis served as stellar substitutes when freed from their fierce Frisbee flinging.

fierce Frisbee flinging.

Swinging the bats for the Southwest Archivists
were Charles "Bats a 1000" Schultz, Pat Meadors, Kent
Carter, Dave Humphrey, Kent Keeth, Larry Wygnant,
and Bill "Turncoat" Joyner.

The moral victory of MARAC followed the devastation earlier in the week suffered by MAC at the hands of the Society of Ohio Archivists. Is MAC ready for a rematch?

### from

Martha Slotten Secretary, MARAC Dickinson College Library Carlisle, PA 17012 Non-Profit Organization

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